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Nearly two years ago, Joe Lipari posted a Facebook rant about the Midtown Apple Store ◗ It led to his arrest by the NYPD for terrorism threats ◗ Now he's free, but is he:

The poster child for Internet stupidity?

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▶ "The only thing I'm guilty of is saying something stupid on the Internet — that's what the Internet is for," said Joe Lipari, inside the Fifth Avenue Apple Store, where he once joked online that he might "pump round after round into one of those smug, fruity little concierges."

News

Gaga in hot water over wristbands

◗ Lawsuit against superstar suggests not all proceeds from charity bracelets went to help Japan quake victims {page 08}

Sheen will be back on TV

Nope, he's not going away. The volatile actor may star in a new sitcom on cable {page 12}

New York's got your goose

Federal government plans to cull up to 800 birds {page 04}

Andy Cuomo for president in 2016?

GETTY IMAGES

▶ Cuomo struts during the Gay Pride parade on Sunday.

Now that Gov. Andrew Cuomo has gotten gay marriage passed by the often intractable New York state Senate, should his next challenge be a run for president? Some New Yorkers think so.

"If he ever runs for president, I'd vote for him," Matthew Rosser, 37, told the New York Post at Sunday's Gay Pride parade.

Yesterday, when asked if he ruled out a run in 2016, Cuomo said "no," the Post reported.

Previously, Cuomo dismissed talk of higher office. "I'm not going to engage in this conversation or fuel speculation," he had said.

The chatter about Cuomo for president comes as President Barack Obama has been hesitant to come out and publicly announce support for legalizing gay marriage. METRO/AB

Status update for social 'terrorist'

- Queens man arrested and charged with terrorism after Facebook post
- Charges now dropped
- Is he a free speech hero or an Internet idiot?

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▶ Lipari returns to the Fifth Avenue Apple Store that first sparked his frustration two years ago.

Call it the new rule of Fight Club: Do not Facebook about Fight Club.

Just ask Joe Lipari.

Lipari, 31, is finally free to leave New York after the NYPD dropped a barrage of charges against him, including making terroristic threats on the social networking site.

It all started on Sept. 16, 2009 when Lipari visited the Midtown Apple Store for troubleshooting with his iPhone. But Lipari said he got no help and went home, where he paraphrased a quote from "Fight Club" on his Facebook wall:

"Joe Lipari might walk into an Apple Store on Fifth Avenue with an Armalite AR-10 gas powered semi-automatic weapon and pump round after round into one of those smug, fruity little concierges."

One of his Facebook "friends" saw the post and reported him to the police.

"Within 95 minutes the SWAT team was at my door," said Lipari.

Lipari, a comedian and disabled veteran, was taken into questioning by the NYPD for about four and a half hours, before being charged with two felonies, making terrorist threats and weapons charges — even though he doesn't even own a gun, he said.

Lipari faced up to seven years in prison for what he says was a simple joke. He has spent the past few years in and out of court fighting the allegations.

A Queens criminal court judge dismissed the charges two years later, in February.

Now that he's done battling the city and the NYPD, Lipari said he wants to move to Chicago, Los Angeles or Hoboken — anywhere but the Big Apple.

"It's good to know I'm not a terrorist. I'm tired of living in a police state," said Lipari. "It's no longer fun to live in New York."

Quoted

"The only thing I'm guilty of is saying something stupid on the Internet — that's what the Internet is for."
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▶ After the May crash.

Operator eyed in crash

HOBOKEN. A May PATH train crash may have been caused by lack of experience — the train operator was only on the job for months, the New York Post reported yesterday. The train slammed into the wall of the Hoboken station, injuring dozens on May 8. Investigators called the operator "inexperienced." METRO/AB

Ante upped for slay pair?

LONG ISLAND. The husband and wife charged in a heinous pharmacy shooting, where four people were killed, might be hit with additional charges in court. David Laffer and wife Melinda Brady were charged last week, he with murder and she with robbery. The charges against them might be upgraded when the case is presented to a grand jury, according to the New York Post. METRO/AB

In the news

Subway scare at Second Ave.

A woman was rescued from the tracks of the F train at the Houston and Second Avenue subway stop yesterday. Police sources said a woman hit the tracks shortly before 11:30 yesterday morning, and the police suspect that she jumped. She was in critical condition. METRO/AB

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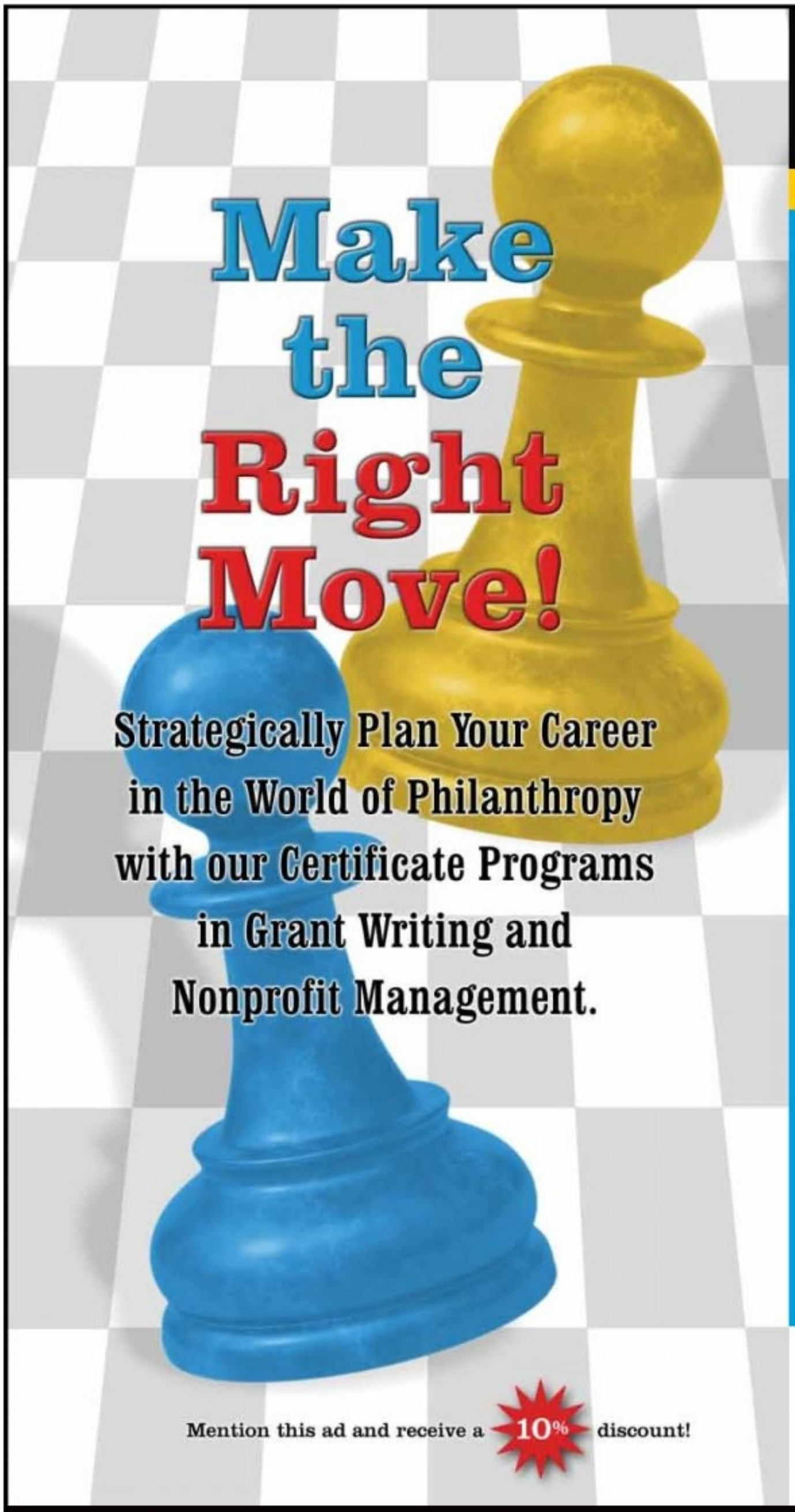

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New York City goose: It's what's for dinner

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▶ There are 20,000 to 25,000 estimated Canada geese in the New York metropolitan region, according to the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

▶ The yearly geese roundup begins ▶ State prepares to slaughter birds near airports ▶ Activists crying 'fowl'

By the numbers

50%

Geese-removing efforts reduced the population by 50 percent since last year, the DEP said.

82

Canada geese collisions with airplanes at New York airports between 1999 and 2010, according to the Federal Aviation Administration

Their goose is cooked — literally.

The Department of Environmental Protection announced Saturday that, for the third consecutive year, they will round up and kill 700 to 800 city geese in the coming weeks, despite animal activists' outrage.

"This taxpayer-funded slaughter of wildlife is totally unacceptable," said Edita Birnkrant, New York director of Friends of Animals.

Birnkrant helps organize Goose Watch, where 100 volunteers are ready at a moment's notice to rush to city parks and save geese the minute federal agents arrive. The group is also planning a protest at Mayor Michael Bloomberg's home Thursday night, asking him to stop what they call "goose genocide."

Quoted

"Our top priority in these efforts will always be public safety."

CAS HOLLOWAY, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION COMMISSIONER

The United States Department of Agriculture will not reveal where in the five boroughs the geese will be killed, but announced plans to remove the geese from all city-owned property within a zone spanning seven miles around JFK, LaGuardia and Newark.

This year, the geese will not simply be slaughtered and tossed in the trash — as they were last year, to a citywide outcry — but instead transferred to Pennsylvania where the meat will be given to food banks.

The feds started killing geese near airports after birds brought down US Airways Flight 1549.

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Walk like a real New Yorker

City to unveil walking signs for tourists Signs will make it easier to get around New York, says DOT

▶ The DOT released this rendering of their vision for the pedestrian signs.

Tired of giving tourists directions? The city Department of Transportation has heard your cries.

The DOT announced yesterday that it is seeking proposals for a "pedestrian information system" to improve the walkability of city streets. The system, known as "wayfinding," will add signage to streets with tips and timeframes to navigate different neighborhoods and landmarks. For example, one sign might include a pedestrian street map and read "Seven minutes to Court Square."

Long Island City, Prospect Heights, Crown Heights, Chinatown and parts of Midtown will be the first neighborhoods to sport new signs.

The DOT hopes new signage will encourage walking, alleviate subway traffic and stimulate street-level commerce.

Proposals for the new signs are due July 27, but the signs won't be installed on the streets until 2012 at the earliest.

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Business on board

NEW YORK. Business advocates welcome the idea. "Chinatown is a major destination for visitors," said Wellington Chen, director of the Chinatown Partnership. "No one knows that we are only three to four minutes from the Brooklyn Bridge and only a minute or two from the court complexes." METRO/EAE

27%
Amount of visitors who get lost each week, according to the DOT

33%
Number of New Yorkers who couldn't point north in a DOT survey

Office building evacuated

MIDTOWN. Workers were evacuated from an office building in Midtown yesterday due to a manhole fire in front of the building. The manhole caught fire at 9:20 a.m., according to the FDNY, which caused smoke to seep into the basement, and power loss to the 22-story building at 1359 Broadway. The fire was under control by 11:30 a.m., said an FDNY spokesman, and office workers were let back in by noon. METRO/CB

1K More than 1,000 people were evacuated at work.

Cocaine hidden in sneakers

JFK AIRPORT. Officers discovered five pounds of cocaine hidden in sneakers at JFK airport on June 23. Officials found the shoes when combing through unclaimed luggage off a flight from the Dominican Republic. The narcotics seized carried a street value of over $107,000, according to Customs and Border Protection. METRO/CB

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Club Getaway: Camp's Not Just For Kids Anymore

I never went to summer camp as a kid. My buddy Steve did, and tells me constantly about a similar experience for us "old" guys (ie two 31-year-olds) in the form of a weekend summer camp for adults called Club Getaway. After two summers I cave in and off we go. I warn him if I awake to find my boxers waiving from the flagpole or Freddie Kruger in my bed, I'm out of there, however.

Club Getaway, a weekend sports and adventure resort, is located in the Berkshire Mountains of Kent, CT, just 90 minutes from NYC by car or Getaway Bus.

We arrive, and the activities choices seem endless – waterskiing, volleyball, trapeze, mountain biking, wakeboarding, a 250 foot zip line, rock climbing, coed softball, golf, archery – even basketball with an NBA pro. We put our blackberries down, stopped debating fantasy football and spent the entire weekend like two sports-crazed warriors. We met a couple of cool girls which lead to doubles tennis matches, a kayaking race, hikes along the wooded trails and sailing out into the middle of the lake. They even convinced us to take a wine tasting class. Where else can you be in the wilderness, work on your serve, and learn about varietal wines all in the same afternoon? At night there was a bonfire complete with an acoustic guitar and s'mores. The girls seemed impressed with my rendition of Kumbaya.

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As we climb aboard the bus for the ride home, I tell Steve, "I can't believe I didn't listen to you sooner" and he comments on how maybe now I'll take his fantasy picks more seriously too. Yeah, that will never happen.

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Wife claims institutional prostitution

"Milagros" said she was forced to have sex with men up to 20 times a day. The Mexican woman testified to the City Council yesterday, urging them to do more to help people like her who are part of sex trafficking rings in New York City.

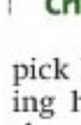
"There is a homegrown crisis in New York," said Upper West Side Councilwoman Gale Brewer. Experts say there are thousands of women like Milagros in the city.

Milagros was prostituted by her husband Carlos, who used her to pay back a debt for getting them both smuggled from Mexico to Queens. Livery cabs would pick her up, she said, taking her to "dates" where she would be forced to have sex.

Only when she got pregnant was she able to escape. "For the first time, I am free," she testified.

4K

Estimated number of children 18 and under who are commercially exploited for sex in New York City, according to a 2008 John Jay College of Criminal Justice study.



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Queens Zoo. Antelope fawns

▶ Newly birthed fawns stretch their signature long legs, which give full-grown antelopes their famous speed.

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Four pronghorn antelope fawns were born at the Queens Zoo earlier this month. Pronghorn antelopes, a native American species that are not found anywhere else, are the second-fastest land animal in the world, beat only by the cheetah. Two of the babies can currently be seen at the zoo's farm in Flushing Meadow's Corona Park. METRO/CB

Quinn urges Wal-Mart to buy from Hunts Point

NEW YORK. City Council Speaker Christine Quinn is in talks with Wal-Mart to get the retailer to promise to buy some of its fresh produce from the Hunts Point Terminal market, should the controversial megastore get the green light to open in the city, Crain's reports. If the agreement goes through, it may lessen some of the fierce opposition from Wal-Mart foes, who argue that the store will force small businesses to close. If Quinn is able to reach a compromise, it may also boost her business credentials as she eyes a possible run for mayor. METRO/CB

Cancer kills another 9/11 cop

NEW YORK. A retired New York City police captain who worked at Ground Zero died Sunday of cancer at the age of 57. Barry Galfano spent months working in the Emergency Services Unit, combing through wreckage and debris at Ground Zero after 9/11. He retired from the force in 2006 and was diagnosed with cancer in 2008, which spread to his lungs and brain, according to the New York Post. METRO/CB

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▶ Bachmann officially announced her candidacy yesterday.

Bachmann enters race for 2012

Rising Tea Party star Michele Bachmann leaped into the Republican 2012 presidential nomination race yesterday, saying the country cannot afford four more years of President Barack Obama's handling of the economy.

"Make no mistake about it, Barack Obama will be a one-term president," Bachmann, a conservative member of the House of Representatives from Minnesota, said in announcing her candidacy with a blistering critique of the Democratic president.

Bachmann, 55, is attempting to establish herself as the conservative alternative to frontrunner Mitt Romney among a crowded field of GOP candidates. REUTERS

Gaga sued over Japan charity bracelet sales

Class action lawsuit claims not all proceeds from rubber wristbands went to victims ◐ Online comments unhappy about shipping, handling

Pop superstar Lady Gaga has been sued over sales of her wristbands for Japan's earthquake relief efforts in a class action that claims that not all the proceeds went to victims as she had promised.

Michigan legal network 1800LAWFIRM also alleges that Gaga and other companies involved in the sale and marketing of the $5 white and red "We Pray for Japan" wristbands overcharged buyers on shipping costs and "artificially inflated reports of total donations."

"While we commend Lady Gaga for her philanthropic efforts, we want to ensure that claims that 'all proceeds will be donated to Japan's earthquake' are in fact true," said Alyson Oliver, an attorney for 1800LAWFIRM.

"Our intention via this lawsuit is to uncover any improprieties committed by Lady Gaga and appropriate the full donations assumed to the victims in Japan."

Lady Gaga, 25, and her representatives did not return calls for comment yesterday. The federal class action lawsuit was filed in Michigan on Friday while the singer was in Japan for a benefit concert for victims of the March earthquake and tsunami.

Gaga, whose real name is Stefani Germanotta, is reported to have donated about $3 million to Japan disaster relief through sales of the wristbands and other ventures.

The lawsuit claims that a slew of federal racketeering and consumer protection laws were broken by what it calls deceptive advertising and profits from the sale of the bracelets. REUTERS

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Fans complain

The official website for the singer's store has several comments from frustrated fans complaining about long delivery times and shipping and handling costs of more than $5 for the small rubber wristbands.

'Chipmunks' owner suing over tribute

NEW YORK. The owner of the Alvin and the Chipmunks franchise, is suing the producers of an "artistically inferior knockoff" Chipmunks tribute album on iTunes, Amazon.com and other digital stores.

Bagdasarian Productions claims the Jerry Naylor Company distributed a digital album titled "A Tribute to Alvin and the Chipmonks," that uses a nearly identical set of songs to past Chipmunks hits, including "The Chipmunk Song," "Funkytown" and "Mess Around."

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Corruption: Blagojevich found guilty

A jury convicted disgraced former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich yesterday of corruption for trying to trade the U.S. Senate seat once held by President Barack Obama for financial and political gain.

Blagojevich, a two-term Democrat thrown out of office in 2009, was found guilty on 17 of 20 counts by the jury of 11 women and one man. Several of the convictions call for prison terms of up to 20 years, though he is likely to receive a lesser penalty.

The effusive Blagojevich insisted he was merely engaged in political gamesmanship but did not intend to sell anything. Prosecutors argued he was clearly seeking to extort campaign contributions and other benefits. REUTERS

Dirty politics

Key evidence in the case was profanity-laced FBI recordings of Blagojevich speaking with aides and political associates.

Blagojevich instructed aides to seek from the incoming administration either a Cabinet post, an ambassadorship or another high-paying position for him in exchange for naming Obama aide Valerie Jarrett to the Senate seat.

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▶ Former Illinois Gov. Rod Blagojevich and his wife, Patti, didn't look like they expected a guilty verdict as they arrived in court yesterday for the corruption retrial in Chicago.

Supreme Court OKs violent kids games

WASHINGTON. The U.S. Supreme Court struck down a California law prohibiting sales of violent video games to minors, saying the ban is an unconstitutional infringement on speech rights.

The nation's highest court yesterday rejected the state's contention that violent games are akin to sexual materials, which the government can restrict to protect children.

"Even where the protection of children is the object, the constitutional limits on governmental action apply."
JUSTICE ANTONIN SCALIA

The video game industry has more than $10 billion in annual sales. BLOOMBERG

Libya rails against ICC

TRIPOLI. Libya dismissed a move by the International Criminal Court to issue an arrest warrant for Muammar Gaddafi yesterday.

"Libya ... does not accept the decisions of the ICC which is a tool of the Western world to prosecute leaders in the Third World," Justice Minister Mohammed al-Qamoodi said.

The Hague-based court approved warrants for Gaddafi, his son Saif al-Islam and intelligence chief Abdullah al-Senussi on charges of crimes against humanity. REUTERS

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Cat takes a bath to learn to walk again

Mog the Cat takes a splash

FELINE THERAPY. And you thought cats were afraid of water? Well, this brave kitty loves his local swimming pool. Mog is a gray tabby cat who's taking lessons in a hydrotherapy pool in Cornwall, in southwest England, to help him walk again following a car accident in February.

How the feline ended up in H_2O

TIMELINE OF EVENTS. After sustaining nerve damage to his legs in the hit-and-run incident, the 1-year-old cat spent six weeks on a drip. But following a suggestion from a local vet, Mog decided to take on some hydrotherapy, having already clocked in ten sessions at $45 apiece.

Expert: Cats don't fear water

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR. Is the stereotype about cats and water based on fact or fiction? Very much fiction, says Pam Johnson-Bennett, author and specialist on feline behavior. "[But] since they hunt on land for prey such as mice and birds, cats have no need to develop water skills," Johnson-Bennett told Metro. METRO/MWN

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Charlie Sheen: Still a player?

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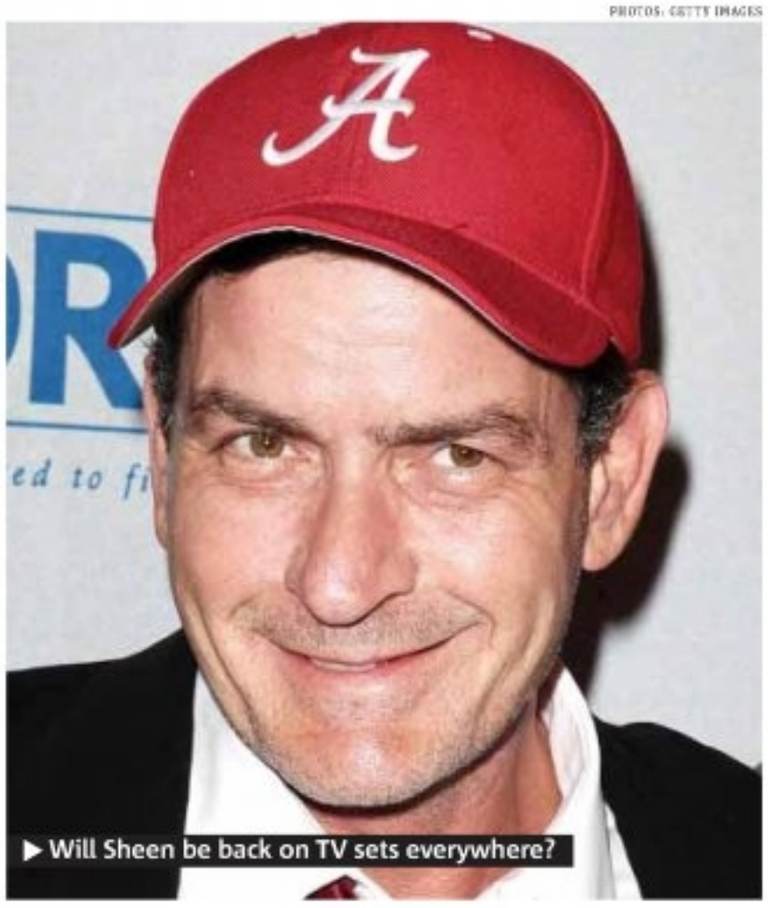

▶ Will Sheen be back on TV sets everywhere?

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Pop culture speed bump of two months ago, **Charlie Sheen,** still seems to have some life in that ol' crack head of his. It was announced yesterday that Sheen has landed a deal for a new sitcom with Lionsgate Television, and RadarOnline.com reports that the bidding war currently happening is huge — even bigger than "Two and a Half Men" money, where Sheen was paid $2 million per episode.

"Charlie has inked a deal to create and star in a new sitcom," an insider tells RadarOnline. "Charlie's character will be very similar to the one he played on 'Two And a Half Men,' however the show will be a lot racier."

But not prostitute-loving, anti-Semitic-spewing racy, let's hope!

TBS is the front-runner to get the rights to the untitled series. And although Sheen won't be making the kind of cash per episode he did for "Two and a Half Men," he's set to get a windfall in the back end of the deal — if he doesn't implode.

"It's still a risk but the risk is worth it because so many people are interested in Charlie and his wacky life ... they are bound to watch the show," the insider says.

A quick note to whomever this "insider" is: "Wacky" is how to define Weird Al Yankovic. "Giant train wreck of intergalactic proportions" is how you describe Charlie Sheen.

A change in the natural order of things

Can it be? Is **Jennifer Aniston** actually (gasp!) happy with her dating life? It seems so!

She's enjoying time with new boyfriend **Justin Theroux** — and is even willing to talk about it. When asked during a "Good Morning America" interview if she's happy in her personal life, the former "Friends" star responded, "Yes, I'm very happy. I'm extremely lucky, and I'm extremely happy."

Aniston even brought Theroux along for her "Inside the Actors Studio" taping, according to People magazine. "Whenever there would be a lull, she would just look at him and give him a wink and go back to what she was doing," an audience member tells the magazine.

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Joel McHale is skeptical, Eva Longoria is hitting the road, Jerry Bruckheimer has some sick puppies and Joan Rivers is feeling sympathetic.

▶ @joelmchale
Boston...Every eatery here claims "Award Winning Chowder". Either there's way too many chowder contests or "award" is now part of the title

▶ @EvaLongoria
Sorry I'm on vacation! I'll tweet more when I'm back!

▶ @BruckheimerJB
Some of my dogs have been walking around the office wearing cone collars lately - thankfully, they're getting better now

▶ @joan_rivers
Poor Lindsay Lohan spends so much time in front of judges, her latest driver's license picture was done by a courtroom sketch artist.

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Talking points

LaBeouf's new lady a bit fishy

Five months after meeting at an L.A. karaoke club, **Shia LaBeouf** says he and stylist girlfriend **Karolyn Pho** are still going strong — and Pho is even helping broaden his palate. "[Karolyn's] having me try different things. I was scared of fish, 'cause of my upbringing, being Jewish. Gefilte can ruin your entire seafood life," LaBeouf tells the Los Angeles Times. The "Transformers" star is also thinking more maturely about his February scuffle outside an L.A. area bar. "My mother said, 'It was below your dignity to engage in it,'" LaBeouf says.

Neil Patrick Harris engaged

Neil Patrick Harris and boyfriend **David Burtka** took the opportunity of New York legalizing same-sex marriage to reveal that they're engaged — and have been for some time. "David and I did propose to each other, but over five years ago," Harris posted on Twitter. "We've been wearing engagement rings for ages, waiting for an available date."

Burtka and Patrick Harris

Prince Harry: I'm still single

Prince Harry is clearing up any confusion about his personal life. "I am not seeing anyone at the moment. I'm 100 percent single. I'm working a lot at the moment, so dating and watching TV are the last things I have time for," he says, according to the Daily Mail. As for specific rumors about Harry getting cozy with **Pippa Middleton**? "Pippa? Ha! No," he says.

Jackson's jacket sells for millions

Almost two years after his death, **Michael Jackson**'s famous red and black leather jacket from the "Thriller" video was snatched up at auction for $1.8 million, according to Popeater. Officials at Julien's Auction House, which described the jacket as "among the most recognizable and famous garments of the 20th century," had expected it to bring in up to $400,000, but commodities trader Milton Verret was clearly ready to pay a bit more. The iconic jacket will be used as a fundraising tool for children's charities.

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The roundup of Sunday night's BET Awards

1: Singer Mary J. Blige opened the night with a medley of her hottest hits. Love the ponytail, Mary!

2: Nicki Minaj was pretty in pink on the green carpet. She and Justin Bieber presented the award for Best Male Hip Hop Artist to Kanye West, who was sadly a no-show.

3. New mom Alicia Keys showed off her amazing heels for photographers. Bruno Mars later joined her onstage to perform "A Woman's Worth" during her medley of "Typewriter" and "Fallin.'"

4: Actress Meagan Good added a much-needed touch of glamour to the night (Chris Brown came in jean shorts!).

5: Young Stars Award recipient Willow Smith showed off her "Fresh" t-shirt, featuring you-know-who.

6: Nelly, right, along with rapper Diggy Simmons, also displayed an icon on his shirt (this time Muhammad Ali) at a BET after-party.

7: A smug Chris Brown posed with his trophies backstage — he took home four awards including Best R&B Artist and Viewers' Choice.

8: Ne-Yo arrived in style at the Interscope Geffen A&M Records' fifth annual 'Creme Of The Crop' Post BET Awards Dinner Celebration in Beverly Hills.

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▶ Model Joan Smalls expertly nailing summer skin care rule No. 3.

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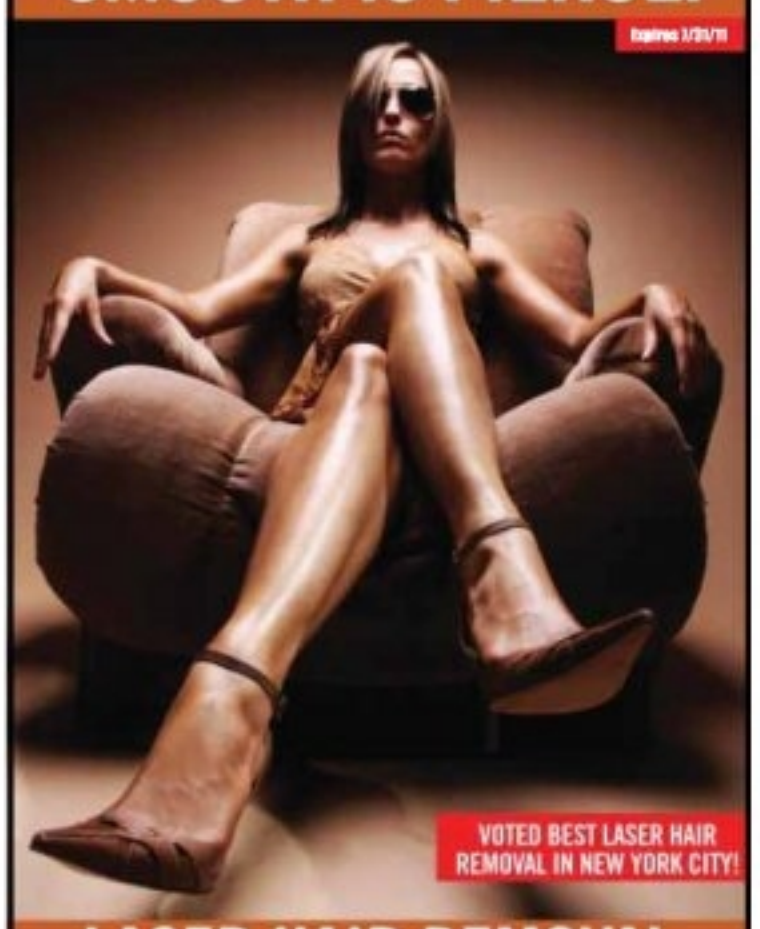

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Your guide to city summer skin care

Heat, humidity, air conditioning, car exhaust fumes and overall pollution don't exactly mix well with lip gloss, bronzer, blush and self-tanner ◗ New York-based facialist and makeup artist, Mary Schook, gives advice on how to avoid common summer beauty pitfalls

Don't wear makeup over your sunblock

"The whole point is for the sunscreen to block all of the sun's rays," says Schook, a skin care guru who is the woman beauty editors and models go to for clear, glowing skin. "It should definitely be the last thing you put on your eyes and technically, it should be the last thing to go on your face so that the zinc and titanium can refract the sunlight," she explains. "But use your judgment with the face makeup, and if you do wear foundation with built-in sunscreen, be sure to reapply it every two hours."

Clean your face midday

"Too many women reapply their makeup throughout the day when it's better to just wipe all of the makeup and oil off with witch hazel and start over," she says. "The witch hazel works because it rebalances the pH balance in your skin which prevents it from getting too oily. If you just pile the makeup on, you'll break out later."

Keep your hair out of your face

Those bangs might look great in the salon, but they could potentially wreak havoc on your forehead later. "Hair products with silicone in them can irritate the face and block pores, which is why it's so important not to wear your hair in your face during summer," she explains. "When the weather heats up, you not only need to think about changing up your skin care regimen, but your hair care products, too."

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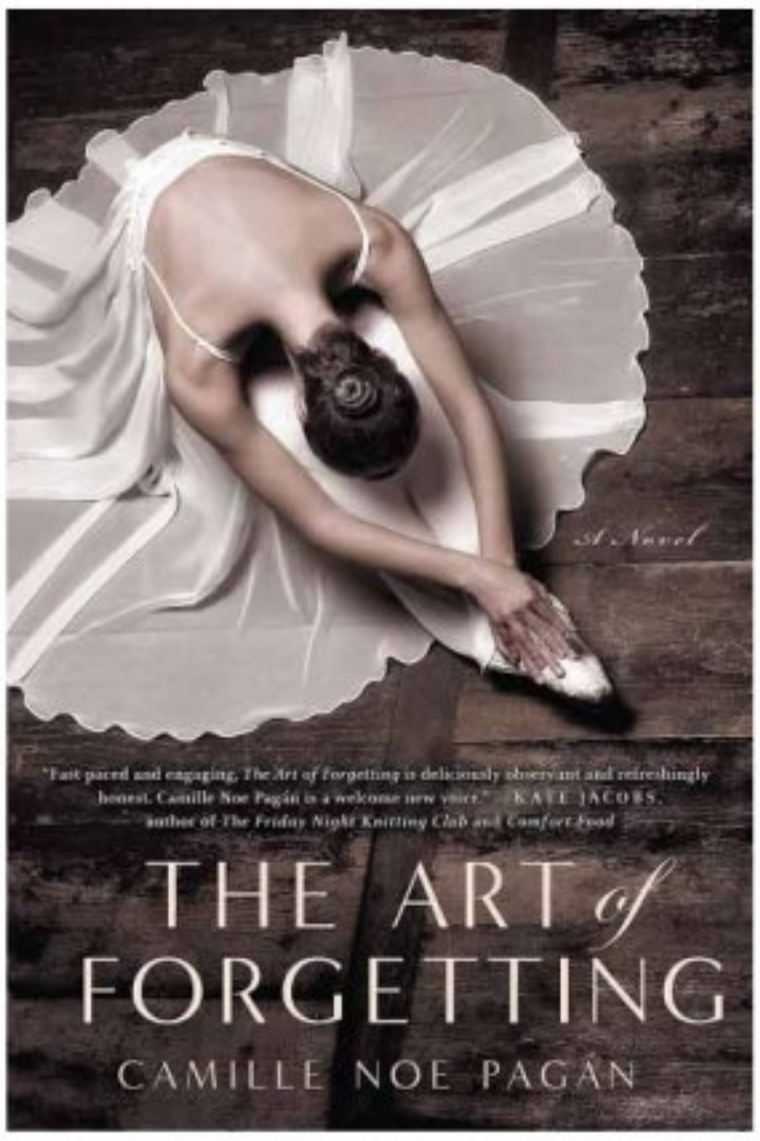

Shared memories and what they entail

Camille Noe Pagan's debut novel, 'The Art of Forgetting,' tackles what happens when a traumatic injury tests the bonds between two friends

Traumatic brain injury affects thousands of women a year — often with devastating outcomes — but despite its prevalence, TBI doesn't attract too much mainstream attention, a sobering reality that journalist Camille Noe Pagan experienced while writing a magazine story on the prevalence of brain damage and women.

"I interviewed a neurologist who mentioned women are more worried about cellulite or getting enough omega-3 acids, when they should really be worried about brain injury. That stuck with me," she recounts. Pagan turned that bit of information into the compelling hook of her debut novel, "The Art of Forgetting," which follows two tight-knit friends, Julia and Marissa, as they try to come to terms with their new normal after Julia suffers a traumatic brain injury.

JP PAGAN
▶ Pagan

"You'd think it's a freak thing, but it's surprisingly common."
PAGAN, ON THE PREVALENCE OF BRAIN INJURIES

"I approached it like a journalist and wrote it like a novelist," says Pagan about the groundwork she had to undertake before writing her first book. "No brain injuries are the same. So I did a lot of medical research and interviewed other neurologists. You'd think it's a freak thing, but it's so surprisingly common. "

Pagan says that an unexpected — and welcome — outcome of publishing "The Art of Forgetting" has been meeting brain injury survivors.

"A woman at a recent reading came up to me and told me she was a brain injury survivor. She told me how, like Julia, she looked like the same person she was before, but she's not. I was really moved by that."

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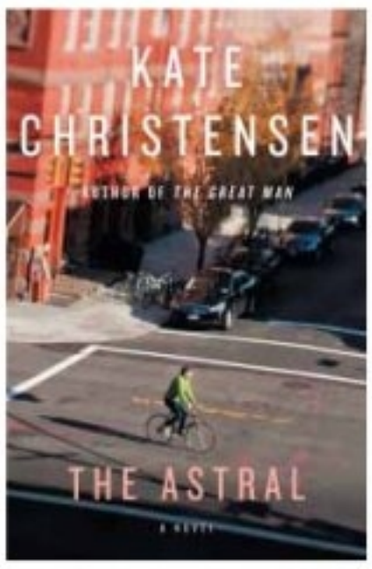
When a building is your muse

A 'ghetto palace' of a Greenpoint apartment building is the focal point of Kate Christensen's new novel Why it attracted her — and why she won't dare step inside it

First things first: Although the title of Kate Christensen's sixth novel is that of a real-life Greenpoint apartment building, "The Astral" is not entirely about the rose-colored structure. Rather, it revolves around one of its residents, the middle-aged Brooklyn poet Harry Quirk, who gets accused of infidelity by his wife, Luz, and is tossed out onto the gentrifying streets of Brooklyn. "The Astral" follows Quirk as he tries to get a second chance, with his family, career — and maybe even that old building.



"It's just compelling; like a ghetto palace of an apartment building."
CHRISTENSEN, ON THE REAL-LIFE PLACE THAT INSPIRED HER BOOK

You seem to like male protagonists. Why is that?

This is my third male narrator. I like to write in a male voice as it gives me access to a wider range than a female voice. Men can get away with saying more things and remain likable; they can embody more negative characteristics. Boys will be boys and girls will be judged much more harshly.

Adultery is a theme in "The Astral." Why is that such a juicy topic for writers?

Adultery interests me in the way any social breech interests me as novelist. It makes for drama and high stakes. Any sexual misconduct is interesting to write about and I hope it's interesting to read about. A marriage in trouble is more fun to read about than a happy, stable one.

What struck you about the Astral to make you want to write about it?

When I moved to Greenpoint, I lived around the corner from it. It's just compelling; like a ghetto palace of an apartment building. There's something comical as well, all of the bed bugs and mold and fungus and terrible renovations and bad plumbing. I heard so many stories about it and was captivated but I've never been inside it. If I had, I would never have the freedom to fictionalize it.

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Christensen on the 'Great' award

In 2008, Christensen won the PEN/Faulkner prize for her fourth novel, "The Great Man."

"It came out of the blue; I didn't expect it and it added a legitimacy I didn't have before," she says of the life-changing award. "It's a nice way to get attention and have people take you more seriously."

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‘All’s Well’ in Central Park

Shakespeare in the Park brings the tale of unrequited love outdoors ◗ Fantastic cast and gorgeous staging illuminate one of the Bard’s darker comedies ◗ Tips on how to score the free tickets

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▶ The Delacorte Theater

As Helena, whose love for Bertram (Andre Holland) is unrequited, Annie Parisse seems to strike only a single note — grief — at the beginning of Shakespeare’s “All’s Well That Ends Well.” But by the end of this difficult comedy, gorgeously staged by Daniel Sullivan at the Delacorte Theater in Central Park, she’s conducting a symphony, her character having deepened in adversity and grown with every setback.

The daughter of an eminent physician, Helena follows Bertram to the court of the sickly King of France, whom she cures with a prescription from her late father. As a reward, she gets to choose a husband. She selects Bertram, of course, but he scorns her and goes off to war. She follows and never ceases her efforts to reclaim him as her husband.

One of Shakespeare’s darker comedies, “All’s Well” is illuminated by a resplendent cast. Tonya Pinkins is elegantly maternal as she condemns the behavior of her beloved son, Bertram, and ministers to her surrogate daughter, Helena. John Cullum’s struggling for an occasional line doesn’t diminish his potent, affecting performance as the King of France. He’s majestic.

And “All’s Well” is blessed with two blustery buffoons. David Manis is very funny as the whining clown, Lavatch. And Reg Rogers is comic perfection as Parolles, Bertram’s right-hand man who would explode if he were any more full of himself. With outsize gestures and uncanny verbal inflection, he milks every laugh — and there are plenty of them.

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Ticket lottery

Although the most common way to secure tickets is to wait in line for the box office to open (some aspiring attendees arrive as early as 6 a.m.), another option is to try the lottery at the website’s Virtual Ticketing page. You can enter before 1 p.m. each day and must be able to arrive that same evening if your name is drawn. This year, on special dates you’ll be able to wait in line at select destinations in the outer boroughs to pick up ticket vouchers without heading into Manhattan. TMM

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▶ Andre Holland and Annie Parisse star in "All's Well That Ends Well," now playing at the Delacorte Theater.

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▶ Want to enjoy "All's Well That Ends Well" in Central Park? Don't forget the bug spray and your water bottle.

Maximizing your Shakespeare in the Park experience

The Public Theater has been bringing Shakespeare in the Park to New York City since 1954. As a free event geared toward the masses, it often appeals to a younger, artier crowd than many off-Broadway events — including other Bard works performed year-round. For the second year in a row, two works are playing in repertory — meaning they share the same cast, all of whom memorize at least two parts. This summer's offerings are "All's Well That Ends Well" and "Measure for Measure." Here are some tips to make the most of it:

▶ Weather wary?
Check in advance. Because Shakespeare in the Park is an open-air show, it is subject to summer storms and seasonal heat. Rain checks aren't available, so you may want to glance at the forecast before heading for the ticket line. On that note, it's also susceptible to bugs, especially with all the bright stage lights. Come prepared with a layered outfit and bug-repellant skin spray.

▶ Feeling thirsty?
The venue sells a selection of snacks and beverages, but you can also bring your own — including wine and beer, in non-glass containers that fit under your seat. One word to the wise, though — the restroom line can be brutal at intermission, so you may want to spare your bladder and go easy on the spritzers.

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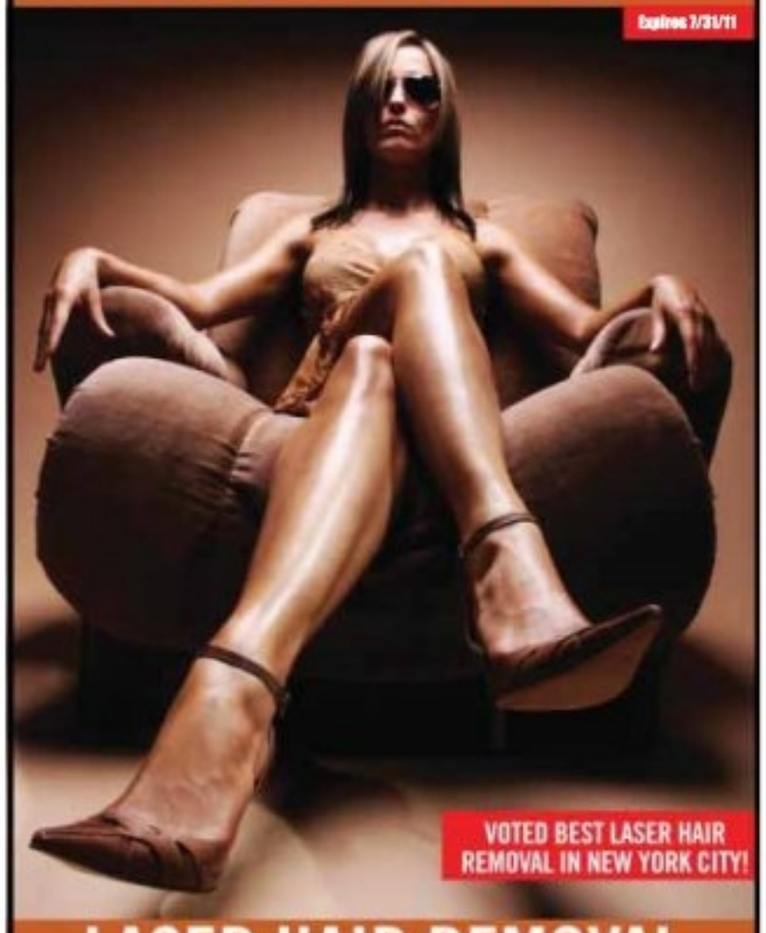

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Don't fear the Pusha

If you know Pusha T only from his work on Kanye West's latest album, there's a lot to learn Clipse rapper on why he likes to keep his freestyle free Kanye an 'unselfish' collaborator

Terrence Thornton is something like a walking paradox. Known better as Pusha T, he's a heralded hip-hop lyricist who you can catch singing the praises of the pariah of rap purists, Soulja Boy. He's a platinum hitmaker who's committed to feeding the streets and the Internet new freestyles. And in the strangest turn of events, the veteran Grammy nominated MC is now getting a newcomer's acclaim after his work on Kanye West's latest album, "My Beautiful Dark Twisted Fantasy." Having gained respect for the literate drug game-inspired anthems of the Clipse, his group with brother Malice, Pusha is set for the solo spotlight.

While on the verge of releasing one of the more anticipated solo debuts in hip-hop (on West's G.O.O.D. Music imprint), he decided to appease his fans with the commercial release of his heralded mixtape, "Fear Of God," on Decon Records as an EP.

Even with numerous albums, Pusha T has made it a point to create mixtapes, a process which he calls "the foundation of hip-hop." He says that as an artist, that's where the talk begins.

"The mixtape is the core," he says. "There's a certain level of artistry that we put into them. For me, it's everything. Mixtapes for me were about competition. For me, there was nothing like hearing Jay-Z on a DJ Clue tape over 'The Symphony.'"

So much of mixtapes depends on collaboration. How did Pusha T find the experience of working with Kanye West?

"People are so wrong that it's hilarious. He's so unselfish," says Pusha. "He'd just play records and let me pick whatever I wanted to be on. Like, 'This could be the biggest record of the year and you're just letting me do what I want?' People just don't get him. If standing up for what you believe in and demanding what you want is an egomaniac, then a lot of people are guilty of that."

Pusha T

Out now

'Pray' for more

"Fear of God 2: Let Us Pray" is available now. It is a re-release of the original "Fear of God" mixtape, with additional songs featuring Odd Future and Kanye West. Pusha T's official debut is scheduled for release the day after Thanksgiving, or as retailers refer to it, Black Friday.

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TV watch list

LEWIS JACOBS/NBC

Adam Levine and Christina Aguilera

'The Voice'

REALITY. The remaining contestants go head-to-head in the final performance round — if, of course, they can be heard over the Christina Aguilera/Adam Levine feud.
9 p.m., NBC

'I Kid with Brad Garrett'

COMEDY. The comedian unleashes his inner child to capture kids saying the darndest things about their imaginary friends and aliens in tonight's premiere.
Series premiere, 8 p.m., TLC

'HawthoRNe'

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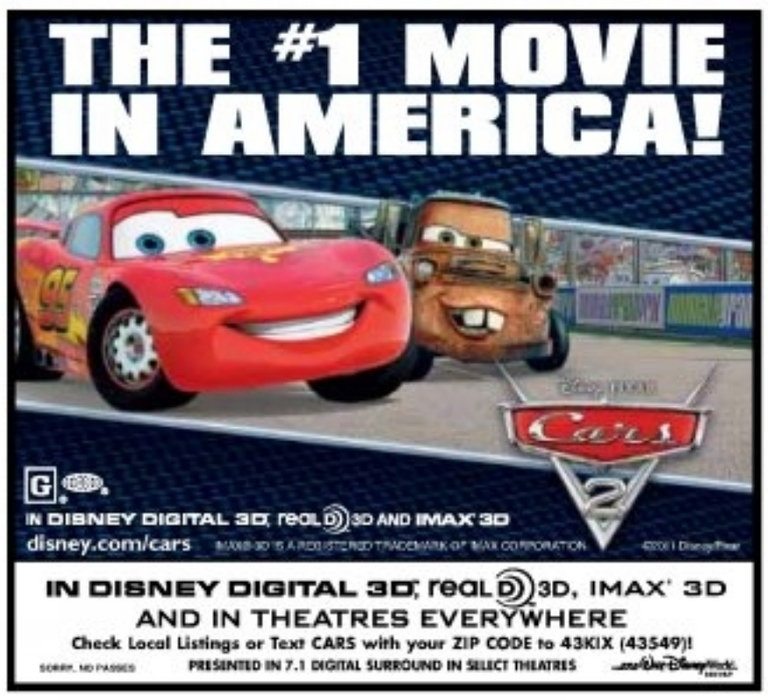
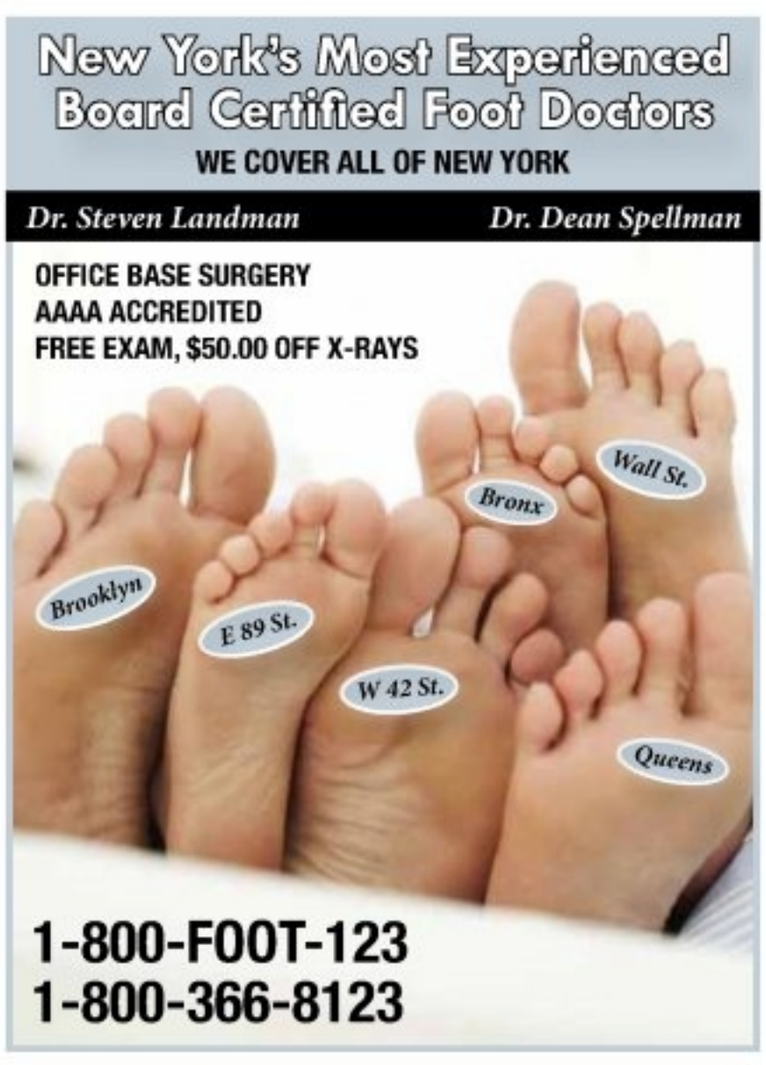
10 p.m., TNT AMBER RAY





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Politics should not be a career

Career politicians don't know when to exit the stage; and the longer they stay, the easier they can be manipulated and bought by corporations, thereby betraying the citizenry, democracy and the Republic. **ANTHONY P. JOHNSON, VIA E-MAIL**

The impending paradigm shift

The paradigm for civilization has stayed constant since its inception: The few rule the many; it's inescapable. In a democratic society, this paradigm is balanced by voting. They many elect the few that rule. Now there's a paradigm shift. As the saying goes, the citizenry has "fallen" because we are so "divided." Whether you're a Democrat, Republican or Independent, you can't let conservatives continue this insanity.
RICH BRITTLE SR., VIA E-MAIL

Pop culture not nasty enough

RE: "'BAD TEACHER' SCORES HIGH MARKS": Thank you for the review of "Bad Teacher." Reviewer Richard Crouse thought that the movie "could have benefited from a little more raunch." At last we have a writer willing to risk standing up and condemn the flood of neo-Victorian puritanism endangering America. I say, "Bring on the smut!"
ROBERT B. PIERCE, VIA E-MAIL

Close, but not quite free yet

The passage of the Marriage Equality Act in New York is a significant civil rights triumph, and it merits jubilation and gratitude. However, true victory can only be claimed when the federal Defense of Marriage Act is eliminated and marriage equality is passed in every state. But thanks to the growing chorus of voices supporting the rights of gay Americans, it may not be long until we celebrate our commitment to equality. **DAVID TERHUNE, BROOKLYN**

Safety net is clearly frayed

RE: "WHEN SOCIAL OUTREACH FAILS": With the rags-to-riches narrative as irrelevant as it's been at any point in our history, and the political right determined to rid the nation of even the most pathetic semblance of a social safety net, is it any wonder that some among the poor find themselves struggling with addiction?
DAN EHLKE, EAST ROCKAWAY

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♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Your thinking is usually such that it produces ideas that are both practical and progressive, which is likely to happen currently. This time, it might involve one of your club or social activities.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be alert so that you don't miss something extremely unusual concerning an opportunity that could be meaningful to you materially.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** Include others when broadening your range of objectives, because you'll have a better chance at success with more people involved.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** A promising endeavor is likely to be put together through a chain of unique circumstances involving several other people. These co-contributors will supply what you lacked.
♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** You couldn't find a better day to iron out a misunderstanding you recently had with someone dear to you. That other person is equally eager to clear the air.
♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Take those positive measures to enhance your material well-being, because it's a day where you can move things along to your satisfaction.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** There is an excellent possibility that two new people from distant places might enter your life. Both will have a strong, constructive influence on your important affairs.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** You should fare much better in an arrangement you initiated, but now leave up to others. They're finally producing what they should have done all along.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** Don't doubt the wisdom of your decisions, even those you might have to make under pressure at a moment's notice. Your judgment is much keener than you realize.
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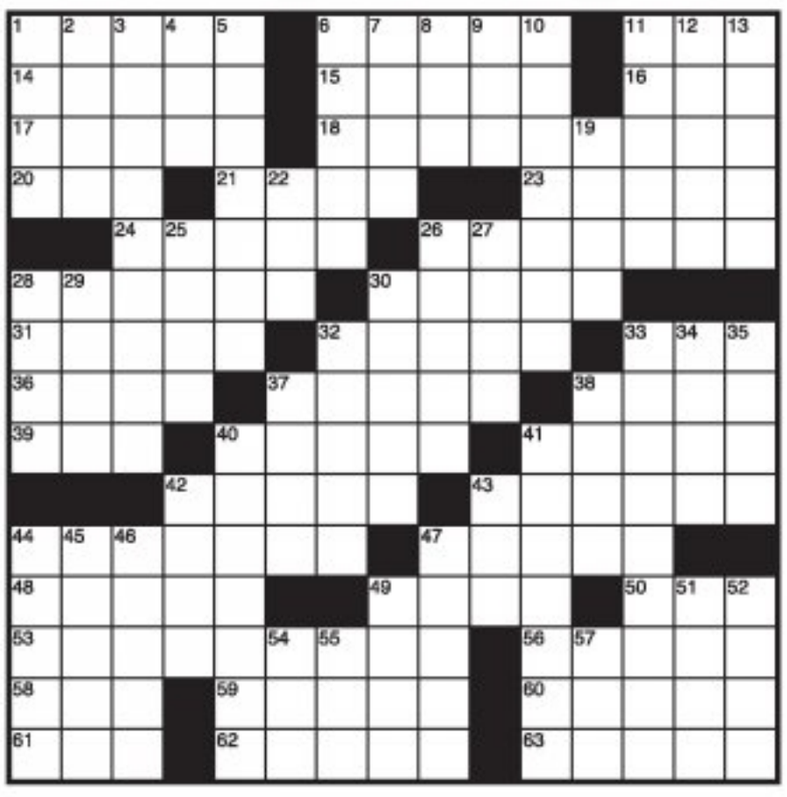

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Fifty years since the construction of the Berlin Wall, the German capital continues to reinvent itself The city's can't-miss museums and must-try food (and one museum dedicated to food)

▶ Crowds attempt to pull a section of the Berlin Wall down Nov. 10, 1989, in East Berlin.

This summer, Berlin marks the 50th anniversary of the construction of the wall that remains, even in fragments, as its most famous landmark/scar. The city is thoroughly modern and architecturally visionary; it has grown up to fill the spaces once marked by that concrete barrier and long since reconnected with the outside world it once strove to keep out.

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▶ Artist Gerhard Lahr works on a restored section of the Berlin Wall at the East Side Gallery, which showcases art by Berlin artists.

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Remnants of the Wall remain scattered throughout the city, with a brick outline in the pavement tracing its former path. But perhaps the most effective spot to visit is the block-long stretch of the Wall that runs alongside the Topography of Terror museum (www.topographie.de), which combines two of the darkest pieces in Berlin's history. Located on the grounds of the former Nazi Gestapo and SS headquarters, the site is part archaeological excavation, part memorial and part history museum. For a less grim view of the world, Museum Island (www.smb.museum) offers a grand collection of art and history

▶ Topography of Terror

museums in the middle of the Spree river, at the heart of the city's historically rich and culturally eclectic Mitte district.

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The Hotel de Rome (www.hotelderome.com) is housed in the former head office of Dresdner Bank on Bebelplatz, site of the State Opera building and of the Nazis' infamous 1933 book-burning ceremony, alluded to by Micha Ullman's moving, understated memorial beneath the bricks. While the decor is sleek, modern luxury, four "historical suites" maintain the restored furnishings of the bank directors' offices, while the former vault now serves as a pool.

EAT:

Further representing the idea of rebirth that thrives throughout the city, Volt restaurant (www.restaurant-volt.de) is a former electrical substation that now serves as the home for chef Matthias Gleiss' elegant, locally sourced take on classic German cuisine. But no visit would be complete — especially for those more inclined toward diner fare — without a taste of currywurst, which is available on virtually every street corner. The combo of hot pork sausage and curry ketchup is so ubiquitous as to have merited its own museum (www.currywurstmuseum.de).

Jeter takes BP, runs sprints in Tampa

Days past his 37th birthday, shortstop Derek Jeter moved a step closer to returning to the Yankees lineup yesterday.

Jeter took batting practice on the field in Tampa, Fla., yesterday, taking 30 swings. He also fielded grounders, ran sprints and took part in agility drills. The workout spanned a Florida rainstorm.

The Yanks' captain is on the DL with a strained right calf. He's sitting on 2,994 career hits.

Jeter is hitting .260 with a .324 on-base percentage and a .324 slugging percentage through 62 games this year. All three numbers are well below his sterling career averages: .312, .383 and .449.

The Bronx Bombers continue interleague play tonight against the Brewers at the Stadium. Freddy Garcia (6-6, 3.30 ERA) will be on the mound against would-be Milwaukee ace Zack Greinke (7-2, 4.77 ERA).

Game time is 7:05 p.m. (YES). METRO

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Robertson making a case for ASG nod

Yanks' eighth-inning guy has a sterling 1.15 ERA Best season of his career But is he an All-Star?

David Robertson is an unassuming type. His pitches, though, are a lot louder — in catchers' mitts, at least.

Robertson has made a significant case for being included in next month's All-Star game, now that he's the Yankees' bona fide eighth-inning guy with Rafael Soriano and Joba Chamberlain out.

"Robbie has done a tremendous job in the eighth inning in the absence of Joba and Soriano and gotten some big outs, sometimes four or five outs, when we've asked him to do it," manager Joe Girardi said.

Overall, Robertson is 1-0 with a 1.15 ERA in 31 1/3 innings. During those outings, he's struck out 50 and walked 20 ... but looking beyond the overall picture and taking a sample of the last month shows a more impressive performance for someone who has yet to see his ERA rise above 2.00 in 2011.

Soriano's last appearance before going on the DL with a sore right elbow was May 13. Since that point, Robertson has allowed one run and nine hits over 18 appearances, spanning a total of 17 1/3 innings.

357

Robertson has posted an unbelievable 357 ERA+ this season. The stat is scaled to where 100 is the league average; he's at 127 for his career.

Robertson's numbers put him in a rare breed among the relief pitching industry, which fluctuates on a yearly basis. The Alabama native is one of three Yankees with a sub-2.00 ERA — a distinction few teams, and no other in the AL East, can make.

As he approaches the three-year anniversary of his major league debut, Robertson has authored an impressive resume in the eighth. He's pitched in the frame 15 times this year, posting a 0.75 ERA, 17 strikeouts and just five walks.

"I'm not taking credit from anybody, but that's the spot he should be in," Nick Swisher said. "He's proven that. The numbers show that. ... I'm so excited that he's starting to get a lot of the credit."

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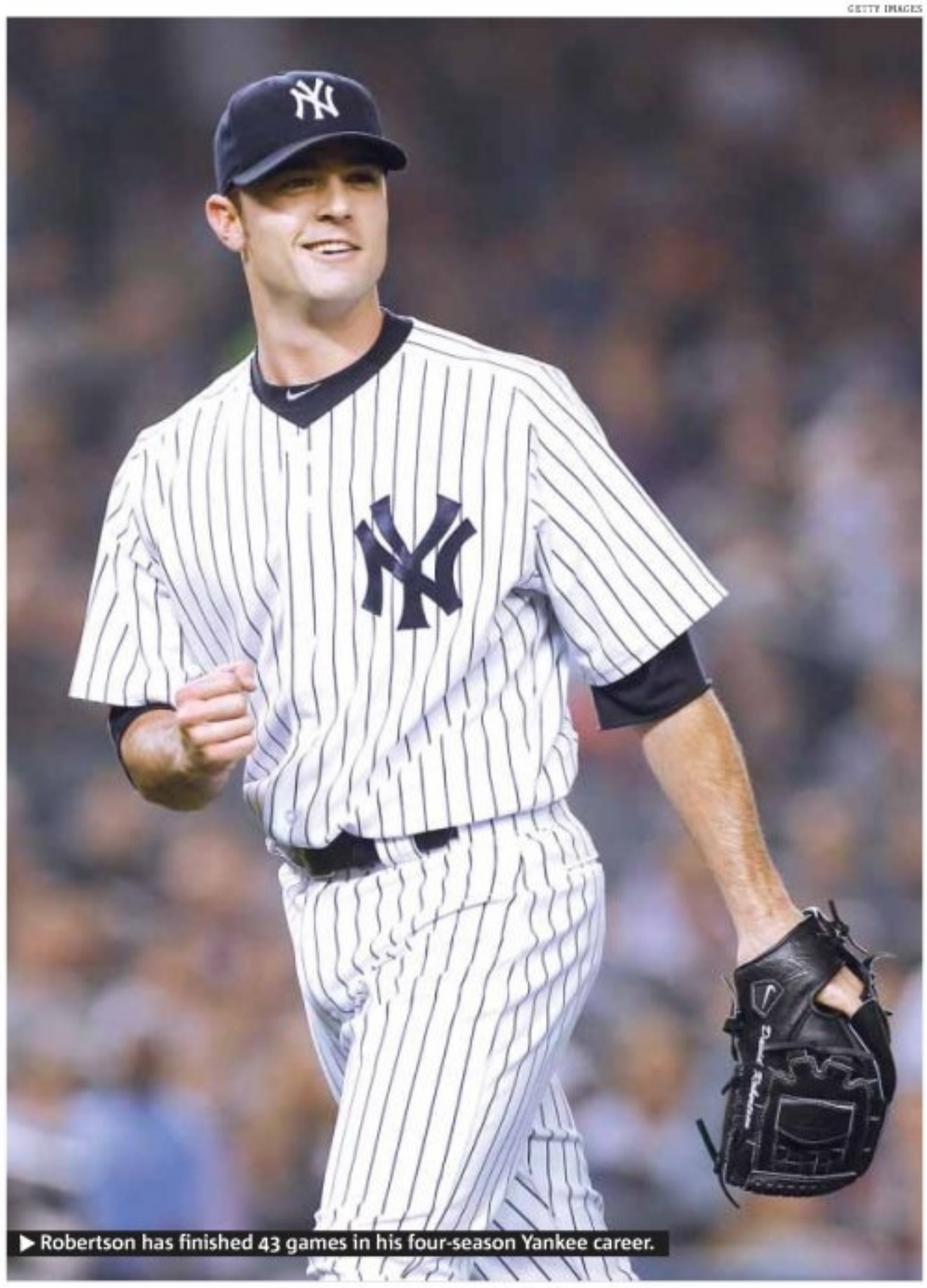

▶ Robertson has finished 43 games in his four-season Yankee career.

In soccer

Mexico, England draw

Mexico and England kicked off their Women's World Cup runs with a 1-1 draw in Wolfsburg, Germany, yesterday. Also in Group B, Japan rode Aya Miyama's 68th-minute goal to a 2-1 victory over New Zealand in Bochum. METRO

In soccer

US opens its Cup today

The U.S. women's national soccer team opens World Cup play today against North Korea in Dresden (11:45 a.m., ESPN).

The U.S. and DPRK are in Group C, along with Colombia and Sweden, who meet today. METRO

Red Sox, Phillies set for World Series preview?

Teams try to put hype behind them tonight in Philly Lee vs. Beckett in series opener Majors' best offense up against best pitching staff

The eyes of the baseball world will be glued to Philadelphia this week. That's because the Phillies and Red Sox are set to start a three-game set, which is being billed as a possible World Series preview.

Phillies GM Ruben Amaro started the hype machine last March, when he called Boston "the best club in baseball." For the most part, both teams have backed up the talk. The Phillies have the best record in baseball (49-30), and the Red Sox (45-32) trail the Yankees by a half-game in the AL East.

"I think it probably could be two of the best," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel told reporters after Sunday's game.

And the two clubs are doing it in different ways. The Red Sox lead the majors in runs scored (405), while the Phillies own the top ERA (3.07).

23

Cliff Lee has not allowed a run in his last 23 innings — and the ace left-hander is 4-0 with a 0.27 ERA since May 31.

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Lee

Cliff Lee, the pitcher who spurned New York, will be searching for his third straight shutout when he takes the bump against Boston's Josh Beckett in the opener tonight at Citizens Bank Park.

No pressure, though. Not yet anyway.

"I don't think we need to prove anything in any series until we get to the postseason," Lee said.

"If it's in October and we're both in the playoffs and we're both playing well, then we can talk about it," added Red Sox star Kevin Youkilis. METRO

Dodgers file for Chapter 11

The Dodgers' bleak financial situation got even bleaker yesterday, when the team filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection in a Delaware court.

Owner Frank McCourt, said MLB's refusal to approve the Dodgers' $3 billion TV deal with Fox Sports was to blame for the move.

The team will be allowed to use a $150 million loan for daily operations.

"There will be no disruption" for fans, the team said in a statement yesterday. METRO

LA owes Ramirez $21 million

The Dodgers filed a list of their 40 largest creditors yesterday. No. 1? Manny Ramirez, who has the team on the hook for $20,992,086.

Ramirez played parts of three seasons for L.A. He hit .322 with 44 homers runs and 156 RBIs.

The Dodgers are also in debt to a number of other notable players, including outfielder Andruw Jones ($11,075,000), pitcher Hiroki Kuroda ($4,483,516) and infielder Rafael Furcal ($3,725,275). METRO

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Report: Torn ACL for Owens

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The 37-year-old wide receiver was hurt while taping his VH1 show, according to ESPN. Both Owens and agent Drew Rosenhaus were unavailable for comment.

Owens intends to return for his 16th NFL season. He will be a free agent when the NFL lockout ends. METRO

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College. Women's sports

▶ Moore led the Huskies to two national titles.

Moore is better: Athlete of the Year

Former UConn star Maya Moore was named the winner of the Honda-Broderick Cup for the second consecutive year. Moore, the No. 1 overall pick in the WNBA draft, beat out Sheila Reid and Blair Brown for the honor in a ceremony yesterday at Columbia University. She is only the second athlete to win the award twice. METRO

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Manic Monday for women at Wimby

Williams sisters, Wozniacki bow out at Wimbledon ◗ Sharapova the favorite among those still left in ◗ No. 4 Azarenka highest left standing

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▶ It's game, set, match for Serena Williams at Wimbledon.

It took less than two brutal hours at Wimbledon yesterday to disprove the theory that Serena and Venus Williams could return to the top at the All England Club after having barely swung their rackets in anger for months.

First, defending champion Serena suffered a humbling 6-3, 7-6 fourth-round loss to Marion Bartoli.

As that news was still being absorbed by a sweltering crowd, five-time champion Venus was summarily dispatched, 6-2, 6-3, by Tsvetana Pironkova.

The manic Monday carnage in the women's draw was not confined to the American sisters, who had won nine of the last 11 women's singles titles at Wimbledon.

World No. 1 and women's top seed Caroline Wozniacki lost, 1-6, 7-6, 7-5, to Dominika Cibulkova, leaving 2004 champion Maria Sharapova as the clear favorite for the title.

The Russian fifth seed overpowered China's Peng Shuai, 6-4, 6-2.

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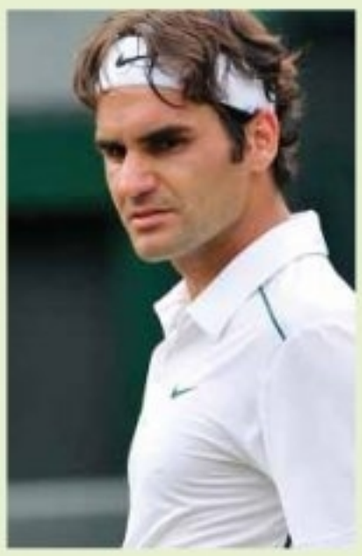
No. 4

Fourth-seeded Victoria Azarenka is the highest member of the women's draw still alive at the tournament. She topped Nadia Petrova, 6-2, 6-2, yesterday.

Wimbledon in brief



Federer comes back to win

LONDON. Roger Federer dropped a set for the first time this year at Wimbledon yesterday.

No matter: His immense attention to detail helped him overcome Mikhail Youzhny, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3, 6-3, to seal a place in the quarterfinals at the All England Club. He'll meet 12th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga next.

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Nadal gets past del Potro

LONDON. Rafael Nadal overcame injury problems and a tricky, big-serving opponent to beat Juan Martin del Potro, 7-6, 3-6, 7-6, 6-4, and reach the Wimbledon quarterfinals. The top seed and defending champion had to be at his resilient best to see off the 2009 U.S. Open winner from Argentina.

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Fish the last US man alive

LONDON. Mardy Fish is the last American standing in the Wimbledon men's singles draw.

The No. 10 seed kept the Stars and Stripes flying at the tournament by beating last year's runner-up, Tomas Berdych, 7-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Fish, who chalked up 23 aces, might not last very much longer — he'll see the indomitable Nadal in the tourney quarterfinals.

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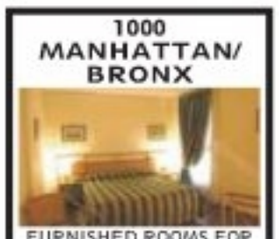

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